



ABSTRACT

A component-holding-tape connecting apparatus for connecting two component holding tapes through a connecting member, by caulking end portions of the respective two component holding tapes and the connecting member in a caulking position. The apparatus includes: (a) a supplying device supplying the connecting members to the caulking position; (b) a holding device holding, in the caulking position, the end portions of the respective two component holding tapes and the connecting member which is supplied by the supplying device; and (c) a caulking device caulking the end portions of the respective two component holding tapes and the connecting member which are held by the holding device, by causing caulking claws of the connecting member, to pierce through each the end portions of the respective two component holding tapes, and deforming the caulking claws. The supplying device includes a rotary body positioning the connecting members one by one in a predetermined position.